SENATE RESOLUTION No. ___

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Dallas and Edna Foster on their 70th wedding anniversary.

HERSHMAN

_____ , read first time and referred to Committee on

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Dallas and Edna Foster on their 70th wedding anniversary.

Whereas, Dallas and Edna Foster celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on December 23, 2010;

Whereas, Dallas was born April 15, 1916 in Morgan Township, spending his formative years on a farm. He graduated from Morgan Township High School in 1934, after which he returned to the farm as a worker. Dallas also worked as a surveyor, measuring ground for the Farm Program;

Whereas, Edna Metz was born August 24, 1918 in Clinton, Indiana. She graduated from Clinton High School in 1936 and earned a teaching certificate from Indiana State University in 1938. She taught 3rd and 4th grade for two years before meeting Dallas;

Whereas, Dallas and Edna first met when Dallas was cultivating corn with a team of horses near his parents' house. He saw Edna park in front of the house, so he

stopped the horses to let them rest and to see who the visitor was. A woman, acting as matchmaker, encouraged Dallas to write to Edna and assured him that Edna would write back if he did;

Whereas, Dallas and Edna married on December 23, 1940 in Sullivan, Indiana. After they married, they began farming and milking cows full-time. Edna was raised in the city, but quickly learned how to work on a farm after marrying Dallas;

Whereas, In the subsequent years, Dallas worked for the Jasper County Highway Department, the State Highway Department, and for Clark Farms near Wheatfield, Indiana, where Dallas and Edna still reside;

Whereas, Edna taught 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades at Kankakee Valley Schools for 25 years, retiring in 1983;

Whereas, Dallas and Edna served together at the Wheatfield School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) for several years;

Whereas, Dallas has raised honey bees for many years. In addition to selling honey, his bees have been used to pollinate blueberry, tomato, and cucumber fields in the Wheatfield and Morgan Township areas;

Whereas, He has also enjoyed showing his corn at local corn shows. He won trophies for Best Shelled Peck, Longest Ear, and Best 10 Ears;

Whereas, Dallas and Edna have worked at Farmer's Markets in Chicago, Illinois with many of their family members over the years, often selling their son's produce from his orchard in Huntington, Indiana;

Whereas, Dallas and Edna also worked for the election board for Jasper County for several years. In addition, they have been long time members of the Wheatfield Church of Christ;

Whereas, The most cherished part of Dallas and Edna's life together are their nine children. They have five sons and four daughters, including a foster daughter. Through Dallas and Edna's encouragement, all nine children have received their bachelor's degrees from colleges and universities in Indiana. Six of the children graduated from Purdue University, one from Indiana State, one from Indiana Wesleyan, and one from Davenport University;

Whereas, In their spare time, Dallas is a enthusiastic fan of the Purdue men's and women's basketball teams. Edna loves to cook, particularly homemade bread, fried chicken, gravy, jam, jelly, and apple squares. She also enjoys baking rhubarb and blueberry pies; and

Whereas, Dallas and Edna Foster are congratulated on the occasion of their 70th anniversary, a milestone that is impressive and merits recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1   SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate congratulates Dallas and Edna
2 Foster on their 70th wedding anniversary.
3   SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Dallas and Edna Foster.